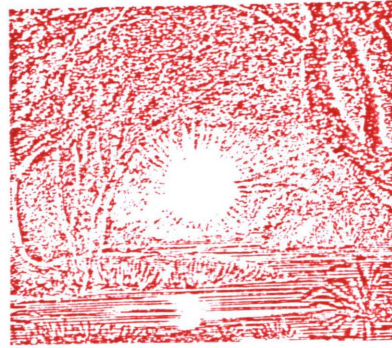


# BOLIDE



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Dear contributor,

It's at least a year since the last **bolide** dossier, and some of you may have thought there would never be another. But those of you who know me, know that I have been involved in moving the Library where I work; and those of you who know the Library will believe me when I say that it has taken all my time and energy for the last twelve months - leaving me precious little time for extra-mural activities of any kind.

However, my inactivity hasn't stopped you people from continuing to send in material for **bolide**, so here, without further apology, is a fresh selection of thought-provoking cases and ideas.

In the course of the past few months, I have had personal visits from several **bolide** contributors. Claude Maugé is an old friend, but I was glad to at last meet Mark Moravec with whom I've been corresponding for years. Other visitors have been Professor Ohtsuki of Japan and Dr George Egely from Budapest, both of them accompanied by tv cameramen and leaving behind them exotic gifts ranging from a bottle of Japanese sake to a packet of Hungarian paprika. (While it is not obligatory for visitors to the Library to come bearing gifts from their native land, I don't at all mind if it should become established custom...) Each of these academics has risked the scorn of his colleagues by compiling important catalogues of ball lightning sightings in his respective country. Many of these are very suggestive, and I recommend you all to obtain copies of these catalogues for yourselves. In particular I would draw attention to the physiological and psychological effects reported in the course of some of the Hungarian events by George Egely. His collection is essential reading for all of us.

The on-going activities of **bolide** contributor Dave Clarke and his colleagues in Project Pennine, in the British Midlands, are of obvious interest to **bolide** subscribers; the first part of his situation report was published in BUFORA's journal **UFO Times** for July 1989 and a book authored by himself, Andy Roberts and Paul McCartney is due from Hale in September, with the title **Earthlights revelation**. This too will surely be essential reading.

**Bolide** contributor Dennis Stacy has published **The Marfa Lights : a viewer's guide** - a brief but definitive review of the facts and theories related to what is, with the possible exception of the Brown Mountain Lights, the best-known of all recurring BOLs. The illustrated booklet, written with his usual deceptively relaxed authority, can be obtained direct from Dennis.

Several **bolide** contributors have been involved in a collective book, **Frontiers of reality**, edited by myself and including the work of Chris Rutkowski and Mark Moravec among others : besides a long piece specifically on BOLs by myself, there are substantial mentions of the subject in Chris's contributions, and related phenomena - such as bioelectric effects - crop up in other chapters. The book, which is richly illustrated, is published by Thorsons of Wellingborough, at £14.95.

However, whatever the merits of these publications, by far the most important contribution to BOL research has come from what might at first seem an unrelated source - the 'mystery circles' which appear in the English farmlands every summer. In his long-awaited status report on his on-going researches into this phenomenon, **The Circles Effect and its mysteries**, Dr Terence Meaden tells how he has found that the vortices, which he believes to be the cause of the circles, frequently form luminous plasmas, generally spheroid but frequently flattening to discoid or 'cigar' shape due to wind or air currents. The relevance to UFO research, and to BOLs, goes without saying, and his book is essential reading for all of us. It can be obtained direct from Dr Meaden, c/o Artetech, 54 Frome Road, Bradford-on-Avon, BA15 1LD, England ; the price is £9.95.

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All good wishes

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